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MEXICO CITY FOR DAS SHLAUDEMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: HUTCHINSON KIDNAPPING CASE

1. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME AT 8 AM THIS MORNING THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT, HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT KIDNAPPERS IN EVENT OTHER NATIONS WOULD NOT. I INQUIRED WHETHER HE HAD SO INFORMED FONSEC. HE REPLIED HE HAD NOT, SINCE HE DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE AT THIS STATE IN WHATEVER NEGOTIATIONS THE FONSEC HAD UNDERTAKEN WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

2. I INFORMED FONSEC GOMEZ BERGES. HE UNDERSTANDABLY DELIGHTED SINCE HE HAD NOT YET HEARD FROM PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR WHOM HE HAD SUMMONED LAST NIGHT AND WHO HAD PROMISED TO KEEP HIM INFORMED (PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR IS NEW AND INEXPERIENCED, TO BE GENEROUS). HE SAID HE WOULD SUMMON PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR AND KEEP ME INFORMED.

3. GOMEZ INVITED ME TO HIS OFFICE AT 10 AM TO INFORM ME THAT PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR ALEJANDRO CUELLAR HAD CONFIRMED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT KIDNAPPERS AND THAT HE PREPARED TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO PANAMA. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION OF MODALITIES AND MANY TELEPHONE CALLS BY FONSEC, IT WAS AGREED THAT DOMINICAN  
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AIRLINES PLANE (CDA) WOULD TRANSPORT TERRORISTS THIS EVENING

DIRECTLY TO PANAMA WITH AMBASSADOR CUELLAR AND SOME POLICE ABOARD.

4. THIS AFTERNOON FONSEC GOMEZ INFORMED ME THAT CDA PLANE WOULD LEAVE NO LATER THAN 8 PM FOR PANAMA. OUR PLAN, SUBJECT TO SOME DISCUSSION AMONG ALL OF US, IS FOR POLICE CHIEF GUZMAN AND THE FOUR CHIEFS OF MISSION (INCLUDING PANAMANIAN) TO PROCEED TO VENEZUELAN CONSULATE AT 7 PM. AMB.CUELLAR WOULD ENTER CONSULATE AND ESCORT TERRORISTS TO WAITING MINI-BUS WHICH TERRORISTS WOULD ENTER, AFTER HAVING TURNED OVER THEIR ARMS TO POLICE, AND TERRORISTS, TOGETHER WITH AMBASSADOR CUELLAR WOULD PROCEED TO AIRPORT.

THEN, HOSTAGES WOULD LEAVE WITH EACH CHIEF OF MISSION RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS NATIONALS, THE DOMINICAN HOSTAGES TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DOMINICAN POLICE. I SHALL TAKE HUTCHINSON IN MY CAR TO RESIDENCE WHERE HER FAVORITE VODKA MARTINI AND PHYSICIAN WILL BE WAITING.

5. GENERAL GUZMAN AND THE FOUR DIPLOMATS WILL MEET IN MY OFFICE IN HALF AN HOUR TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE ABOVE PLAN (OR SOME MODIFICATION). UPON REACHING AGREEMENT, WE SHALL ALL PROCEED TO THE AREA OF THE VENEZUELAN CONSULATE WHERE GENERAL GUZMAN WILL INFORM MENDEZ VARGAS OF PLAN (WE ALREADY HAVE POSITIVE REACTION FROM HIM RE PANAMA AS DESTINATION) AND WE ASSUME IT WILL BE GENERALLY AGREEABLE TO HIM (HE DOES NOT HAVE MUCH CHOICE). ON THIS ASSUMPTION, WE SHALL ASK HIM TO INFORM ALL OF HIS COMPANIONS AND THE HOSTAGES THAT WE SHALL RETURN AT 7 PM TO PLACE THE PLAN IN OPERATION AND THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE READY.

6. ASSUMING SCENARIO GOES SMOOTHLY, WE SHALL IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONE HUTCHINSON'S FAMILY IN PALM BEACH TO INFORM THEM OF HER RELEASE AS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO DO IN DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH THEM.  
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